



STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: February 18, 2014

Agenda Item #: 6

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Sandy Wood, Building Inspections Department Director
THRU: Susan Parker, Town Administrator
TITLE: BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PATH

OVERVIEW:

The Town of Sunset Beach recognizes the importance of safe biking and walking to its residents and visitors. As such, the Town Council approved the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Updates in 2009.

In early 2011, I was directed, along with Michael Norton (Compass Pointe Engineering), to create overlays for Council presentation and review. The Bike/Pedestrian Path was presented to Council at the 2012 Annual Retreat. During the August 2012 Work Session, we were directed to look at bringing the path along Shoreline Drive East, down Park Street, adding 4 feet of payment on each side, and by sharing the road down Live Oak Drive onto Circle Drive and back to Sunset Boulevard North. After many discussions with Council, I was directed by the former Town Administrator to put the Bike/Pedestrian Plan on hold.

After two public meetings with citizens in regard to the Vision Plan, it was very obvious that the citizens and the Planning Board would like to see the Bike/Pedestrian Path to include the whole length of Sunset Boulevard.

In December 2013, the Town did apply for a NCDOT grant estimated at \$5,000 to offset the cost of the planning for the path. We are awaiting a decision from the NCDOT concerning who will receive grant funding.

FUNDS:

Balance in Savings after transfer to Streetscape Project	\$191,696.00
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EXPENDITURES:

Surveying Cost: Cape Fear Engineering Inc.	\$ 25,230.00
Engineer Cost: Compass Pointe	\$ 30,140.00
Additional Surveying on Park Dr. & Shoreline Dr. Bobby M. Long & Associates	<u>\$ 10,575.00</u>
Total	\$ 65,945.00